

CHAPTER IX.

LAURENCE SINGS A HYMN.

Laurence turned and beheld his bron had clinched and were rolling on men had chanced and were tooling on-the ground, wrestling and striking ac-cording to their ability. Sholto might easily have had the better of the fruy but for the fact of Laurence's recent degradation, for the elder brother was he tailer by an Inch, and of a frame of only more lithe and supple. But the ocuracy of Laurence MacKim's shape,

securacy of Laurence MacKim's shape, and the severe training of the smithy, and not left a superfluous comes of these on him anywhers.

In a minute the brothers had become the center of a riotons, laughing throng of variets, archers seeking their corps, young squires sent by their lords to lind out the exact positions infloited to each contingent by the provost of the camp. Fur, as the wrappen-shaw was to be of three days duration, in all is notice parts, a wilderness of tents had already begun to arise under the scattered white thorns of the great Boreland croff which stretched up from the liver.

ima croft which stretched up from the river.

These all laughed and jested after their kind, encouraging the youths to light it out, and maming Laurence the Brock, or Hadger, from his stoutness, and slim Sholto the Whitterick, or, as one might say, the Weansi.

"At him, Whittericki Grip him! Grip him! Now you have him at the pinch. Well pulled, Brock! The a whoves on Brock! Good, Brock! Well done! No who well pulled, Brock! Well done! Well bene! Ah, would you! Hands off that larger! Let fisticuffs settle it. The Whitterick hath it—the Whitterick!"

And thus can the comment. Shelto, neing encumbered with his armor, Laurence might in time have gotten the

as encumbered with his armor, Lau-ber might in time have gotten the er grip, but a diversion occurred ch completely altered the character he combiet. A stout reddish young in came up, holding in his hand a painted with twining stripes of te und red, which showed him to be marginal of that part of the camp ch pertained to the Earl of Angus, looked on a moment from the skirts he crowd and then ollowed his way importantly into the center until street immediately about Laurence

means this hubbub, I say? your hold there and come with My Lord of Angus shall settle

dispute!"
had come up just when the young were in the final grips, Sholto at having gotten his will of his broshoad, and, as the saying is, was up him "Dutch spice" in no very lette feature.

gue marshal, seeing this, office by the collar of his mailed, drawing him suddonly back, m to lose hold of his brother, nichly rose to his feet. The began to bent Sholto about bleen right heartily with his ich exercise made a great wise, though naturally, the being the work of Mailes little harm ensued to the lose of therein.

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As soon as they had discovered such



Mand Lindesay Had Smiled at Him, While the French Lady Pinned On

a sequestered holt, Laurence, who had frequent experience of such rough-and-tumble encounters, stripped off his doublet of purple velvet, and turning the sleeve haside out he showed his brother that it was lined with a rough surfaced felt cloth almost of the nature of teadle. This being rubbed briskly upon any dusty garment or fouled armor proved most excellent for restoring the gless and beauty. The young men, being, as it were, born to the trade, and knowing that their armament must med their father's inexorable eye as hosself along the lines with the earl, rubbed and polished their best, and when, after half on hour's brisk work, each examined the other, not a speck each examined the other, not a speck or stain was left to tell of the various

ensual incidents of the morning. Two casual incidents of the morning. Two bright, fresh-colored youths emerged from their thicket, immediately clad and with countenances of such cherable innocence, that my Lord Abbot William of the great Cistercian abbey of Duice Cor, looking upon them as with bare, bywed heads, they knell everatly on one knee to ask his bessing, said to his train: "They look like two young angels. It is a shame and a sin that two such full innocenia should be compelled to je't in aught ruder than the chanting a pasims in hely seryice."

him:
"Bless you, my sons," said the abbot,
"I will speak to my nophew, the earl,
concerning you. Your faces plead for
you. Evil cannot dwell in such fair
hodies. What are your names?"
The younger knett with his fingers
joined and his eyes meekly on the
grass, while Sholto, who had risen,
stood quietly by with his steel cap in
his hand.
Laurence MacKim," said the young-

his hand,
"Laurence MacKim," said the younger modestly, without venturing to raise
his eyes from the ground, "and this is
my brother Sholto."
"Can you sing, pretty boy?" said the
abbot to Laurence.
"We have never been taught," answored Sholto. But his brother, feeling that he was lesing chances, broke
in:

in: "I can sing, if it pleases your holl-And what can you sing, sweet lad?"

"And what can you sing, sweet lad?" said the abbot, smiling with expectation and setting his hand to his best car to assist his increasing deafness.
"Shut your fool's mouth," said Sholto under his breath to his brother.
"Shut your own! Tis usiy as a rat trap at any rate!" responded Laurence in the same key. Then aloud to the abbot he said, "An" it please you, sir, i can sing, 'O, Mary Queen."
The abbot smiled, well pleased.
"Ah, exceedingly proper song to the honor of the queen of heaven (he devouity crosed himself at the name); I knew that I could not be mistaken in you!"

"Your pardon, most reverend," interjected Sholto, anxiously, "please you
to excuse my brother. His voice hath
just broken, and he cannot sing at
present." Then under his breath he
added. "Laurie MacKim, you Godforgotten fool, if you sing that song,
you will have us both stripped in a
trice and whipped on the bare back for
insolence to the ear's uncle!"
"Go to!" said his brother, "I will sing.
The old cack is monstrous deaf, at any
rate!"
"Sing," said the abbot, "I would hear
you gladly. So fair a face must be accompanied by the pipe of a nightingale.
Besides, we surely used a tenor for the
quire at Sweetheart!"
So, encouraged in this fashion, the
daring Laurones began:
Nas priests aboot me shall be seen.

Nos priests about me shall be a therein, Laurence was instantly I swap them a for Mary Quean!

Fit bid bee more for me be sung.
Dies like, dies frac.
Nor ciculatus bells for me be rung,
Sic semper solut for!
I gang my ways to Mary Quenn!

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The brothers conferred a little apart, for in those troubled times men learned caution early, and though the Dougias was the greatest man in Scotiand, yet, surrounded by meaner men, as he was, it behooved him at all times to be jealous of his life and honor.

Earl Dougias came out of the sharred inclosure of the tilt ring in order to receive his guests.

First, as an escort to the royal ambaseadors of France and Scotland, who came behind, rode the Earl of Avondale and his four some, noble young men and all unlikely to have sprung from such a stock. James the Gross rode a broad Clydesdale mare, a short, soft, unwieldy man, sitting squat on the saddle like a frog astride the roof, and glancing sideways out of the pursy reglancing sideways out of the pursy reessen of his eyes. Behind him came his eldest son, Wil-

cesses of his eyes.

Behind him came his eldest son, William, of a true Douglas countenance, quick, high and stern. Then followed James, whose lithe body and wondrous dexterity in arms was already winning him repute as one of the bravest knights in all Christendom in every military and knightly exercise.

Behind the Avondale Douglasses rode two men abreast, with a lady on a pairiey between them.

The first to take the eye, both by his stature and remarkable appearance, rode a charger covered from head to tall in the gorgeous red and gold diamond trapplugs pertaining to a marshal of France. He was in complete armor and wore his visor down. A long blue feather ficated from his helmet, falling almost upon the flank of his horse. A truncheon of gold and black was at his alide. A pace behind him the lilles of France were displayed, floating out languidly from a banner staff in the hands of a young squire. The knight behind whom the banner royal of Scotland fluttered was a man of different mould. His spare frame seemed buried in the suit of armor which he wore somewhat awkwardly. His pale, ascette face looked more in place in a moukish clojater than on a knightly illing sround, and he glanced this way and that with the swift and furtive suspicion of one who, while setting one trap, fears to be taken in an



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MISTRESS MAUD LINDESAY.

The sperts of the first days of the great wappenshaw were over. The Lord James Bouglas, second son of the gross one, had won the tourneying by unharding all his opponents without even breaking a lance. Sholto Markikin wire on his cap the golden buckle of archery, and took his way happily home ward, much uplifted that the somewhat fraudulent eyes of Mistress Maud Lindeany had smiled upon him while the French lady was preening it there. The kingitity part of the great muster had gone back to their tents and lodgings. The commonalty were mostly stringing away through the vales and hill passes to their homes, no longer in ordered companies, but in hands of two or thire. Disputes and misunderstanding arose here and there between men of different provinces. The Galloway men called "Annanded e theves" at these border men who came at the summons of the hereitary warder of the Marches. The boy decress replied by loud bleatings, which signified that they held the Galweglans of no better underwhich rode home to Thriese to receive standing than their native sheep.

It was a strange and varied company in the samers of four crovinces which owned the sway of the mighty house, dallows, Annandale, Lanark and the gallows, Annandale, Lanark and the sailed manual the dallows, Annandale, Lanark and the sailed flaggland t

we grantlemen have a differbale to your Angus kernes of craw-boge Highland fold."

a Sholte had recovered from a and the crowd of variets as apace, thinking the Angus beasons of consequence. But the Markin were not the lade cating with a stick medity, rotost, who indeed had bothwith the Gallaway part of gunest, he had far better have its officiousness to his own in on the right. Sholte, cried and I will have at him from the fact have a stage that the part in the ablors frain, and be laid time to draw back his hrust or parry, and at the fact harpenes, snatching the latt Laurence held down his head with his shoulder-abalting of the pricets and hy servents in the ablors frain, and be laid that the grant his promotes of the pricets and his pound nother for your back land another for your back least and mother for your back land another for your

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ank led her to the stand reserved for the queen of beauty.

Here being arrived, the earl invited her to dismount and occupy the central seat.

"Till your arrival it lacked an occupant, but today the gods have been good to the house of Douglas, and for the first time since the death of my father I see it filled."

Smillingly the lindy consented, and with a wave of his hand the Earl William invited the Marshall de Retz to take the place on the other side of the Lady Sphilla.

Then turning haughtily to the herald of the king of Scots, who had been stand, the slone, he said: "And now, sir, what ine alone, he said: "And now, sir, what ine alone, he said: "And now, sir, what ine alone, he said: "And now, sir, what it is a single handsome knight, nor yet with the chair time to prove the said of James of Avondale, when knights are been junged." Said and the all the chair in the control of the said of the control of

take the place on the other side of the AS yillilling haughtily to the herald of the king of Scota, who had been stand. The alone he said: "And now, sir, what would you with the Earl Douglass"
The ascetic monkish man found his words with Bittle loss of time, showing however, no resentment for Earl William's neglect of any reverence to the damer under whose protection he damer under whose protection he damer under whose protection he damer in the protection had been an electric to mix to suppress the first against the royal authority and fortified him in Edinburgh castle. So, both so he had to be suppress the revolt. The scarcely had these words been ultered when another shight istepped for Scotland, who is no robel against any of Scotland, who is no robel against and bring him distance of the hands the some assured peace, and in deal atterpost for some lattering of the hands have a subject of the carl, and he dismissible of the hands of the chancellor of Scotland, who is no robel against any of some assured peace, and in deal atterpost for some lattering of all those words which afterward the control of the red and alliance of my lord of the ride and processes was then in the highest state of the rate of the earl, and he dismissed both herides, uttering in the honoring of all those words which afterwards became so famous over Sootand. The face of the earl, and he dismissed both herides, uttering in the honoring of all those words which afterwards became so famous over Sootand.

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It was a strange and varied company the hospitality of the young earl of Douglas and Duke of Touraine. The castic itself being no more than a military fortress, containing, in addition itself being no more than a military fortress, containing, in addition apartments designed for the family (and scant enough of those) could not, of course, accommodate so great a company.

But, as was the custom at all great But, as was the custom at all great But, as was the custom at all great Company.

A great noit of a Moray Highlandman with a mouth like a gueb, should in his very ear.

(To Be Continued Next Week.)

No Happy Medium.

Puck: Miss Hichurch-We have a dreadful time with our clergymen! Visitor-What's the trouble? Miss Hichurch-Well, the last one was so religious that he neglected social mat-ters, and this one is so social that he neglects the church!

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Erstachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is assisted closed. Deafness is the easterly closed.